
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 3132

The Civil Procedure Rules 1998

PART 31

DISCLOSURE AND INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

Duty of search

31.7.—(1) When giving standard disclosure, a party is required to make a reasonable search for documents falling within rule 31.6(b) or (c).

(2) The factors relevant in deciding the reasonableness of a search include the following—

- (a) the number of documents involved;
- (b) the nature and complexity of the proceedings;
- (c) the ease and expense of retrieval of any particular document; and
- (d) the significance of any document which is likely to be located during the search.

(3) Where a party has not searched for a category or class of document on the grounds that to do so would be unreasonable, he must state this in his disclosure statement and identify the category or class of document.

(Rule 31.10 makes provision for a disclosure statement)

Commencement Information

II Rule 31.7 in force at 26.4.1999, see [Signature](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Civil Procedure Rules 1998, Section 31.7.